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LAWTON TAKES FIRST HONORS

Trimmed Locals in First Championship Game Saturday.

LAWRENCE WINS WEDNESDAY

Walked Away with Practice Game. Consistent Work Needed to be in Game at the Finish.

Costly errors and inability to connect with Willis' benders were responsible for Paw Paw's defeat by Lawton last Saturday. The visitors started scoring in the first, sending three men across the rubber as a result of three hits and two errors. They tallied again in the second and seventh and at the end of the ninth had a total of 8 to the locals 3. Mather for the home team pitched very good ball and was in no way responsible for the final result. Peacock and Davis, two of this season's recruits, earned a permanent berth with the team by their consistent playing. For Lawton, Willis was easily the star and showed by his slab work his ability as a ball player. He allowed but three scattered hits and struck out 12 men. Lack of seasoning and "stage fright" were undoubtedly the cause of many of Paw Paw's misplays. Though they lost the opener they are more determined than ever and Lawton had best beware for they will not go down without a hard fight.

Summary—Errors, Paw Paw 9; Lawton, 4. Hits, Paw Paw 3; Lawton 12. 2 base hits, Root, Van Vleet, Willis; base on balls, off Willis, 1; hit by pitched ball, Mather, Willis; double plays, Peacock to Whitcomb; struck out, by Willis, 12; by Mather, 3; balk, Willis; umpires, Killefer, Showers and Willis. Score, Paw Paw 3, Lawton, 5.

The game with Lawrence Wednesday on the local grounds resulted in a victory for the visitors by a score of 11 to 3. This was not a championship game, and will not be counted in the final summing up. It showed, however, that Paw Paw must get down to real base ball if they expect to be in at the finish. Lack of team work and ineffective pitching was responsible for the crushing defeat. Cross, the crack Lawrence pitcher, did not go in until the eighth inning. The first three men to face him, laid down their bats, one, two, three. Wildness in the ninth, and an error by McGowan added one to Paw Paw's total.

MEMORIAL HALL IS NOW ASSURED

Site Purchased and Plans to be Pushed to Erect Building.

The Memorial hall association have purchased a lot and will commence building as soon as the weather and circumstances will permit. The site selected for the building is located on Niles street, just south of the Disciple church and is a very desirable one for the purpose.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. have worked as a unit in the interest of this enterprise and will know when this home is completed just how the money was raised, little by little as a nucleus and how it grew through the hard work of its members and the generosity of its friends.

Paw Paw citizens in general will rejoice with these people who are most interested in having a place they can call their own, and having it now, while there are so many members to be benefited by it. The inconvenience of climbing stairs will be overcome and a boon to the elderly people who enjoy to the utmost attending the meetings but for this drawback. May everything work together for the early realization of their plans, cannot but be the earnest wish of every good citizen of the village. We cannot have too many new buildings or improvements. Our little town is growing steadily and keeping up well toward the front in the procession of growth and industry, and we are not lacking in appreciation for the efforts put forth in this instance.

W. R. Sirrine, A. L. Hurlbut and J. C. Warner are the building committee and are ready for work. Wm. Killefer is president of the association, Mrs. Martha Bennett is vice-president and Mrs. Martha Smith its treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Huff and grand-daughter are spending a couple of weeks on their farm just south of the depot.

SERIOUS OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS

Five year old Paw Paw girl taken to Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo last Tuesday

Marie, the 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mutchler, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Borgess hospital Wednesday of this week and at this writing is in a serious condition.

She was taken ill last Monday and on Tuesday the family physician, Dr. J. C. Maxwell, diagnosed the case as appendicitis. She was taken at once to Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo, where Dr. Balch performed the operation Wednesday evening. Reports came Thursday that while the case was a very serious one, the operation was successful and the patient doing as well as could be hoped for under the circumstances.

It was about two years ago that Marian, an older daughter, was taken to Ann Arbor, where a similar operation was performed.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE BOUGH

Musical Pantomime at the Opera House 2 Nights Next Week.

The Mistletoe Bough, a beautiful pantomime in five scenes arranged from the well known ballad of Henry R. Bishop, will be presented on the evenings of May 10th and 11th, at Longwell's Opera House, under the auspices of the L. O. T. M. M.

It is a novelty in the line of plays, as no word is spoken during the play. A verse of song precedes each scene and the scene illustrates the song. The acting is so well done that the on-looker can easily understand everything.

The story is the old one about the bride, who on her wedding night breaks away from the wedding party and hides in an old oak chest in the attic. The lid shuts down and the lock catches so the bride cannot release herself. Years afterwards it is discovered what became of the bride. Though the theme is sad, the setting is so beautiful that the play is not rendered depressing.

There are about forty people in the play itself. Some choruses will be given also.

The costumes are all very elaborate and very pretty, the gentlemen's costumes being rented from Detroit.

Miss Van Buskirk's orchestra will furnish the music which accompanies the acting throughout. The song itself will be sung by Blaine Warner, who needs no introduction to the Paw Paw public. The prices of admission will be 25 and 35 cents. Seats reserved at Longwell Brothers' store May 8.

BIRTHDAYS ON THE SAME DAY

Hold Birthday Anniversary Celebration every Year. Many Present.

Last Sunday, April 28, Mrs. Henry Holt and Roy J. Moshier celebrated their birthday anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt. A birthday dinner was served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moshier, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Neher and baby of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Morrill Smith and baby of Paw Paw and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of Almena.

As their birthdays come on the same day it has been their custom for the last 15 years to celebrate the occasion with a birthday dinner, having present only the immediate members of the two families. At the first celebration 15 years ago there were only seven present, but through Dan Cupid's darts and the arrival of the stork on several occasions the number has increased to 15.

A very enjoyable time was experienced by all. In 1913 the occasion will be celebrated at the home of Roy Moshier.

WHAT HAPPENED.

Ben Barber was wondering for a time Friday evening until all of 25 of his friends swarmed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ackley where he had been inveigled for the purpose of giving him a little jolt on his birthday. The surprise had been planned by his wife and Miss Sara Ackley and was a complete success. Darrell Weston took a flashlight of the party before the surprise was all off from Ben's face and it shows just how he felt.

PRATER TELLS OF HIS WORK IN THE NORTHERN COUNTRY

The following letter from W. A. Prater dated from Iron Mountain April 21st, 1912, will be of special interest to readers of The True Northerner.

Friend Wakeman:—

The Northerner is a very welcome visitor each week and seems like a breeze from the sunny south. You know the old saying that distance lends enchantment, but I think that it is because that we can see and appreciate our blessings when they are removed far enough from us so they are not an everyday affair.

I wish to congratulate you on the breezy and stable paper you are putting out and know that I appreciate it as I never did before. I am sorry that I can not participate in the coming campaign for you certainly have a fine line of men offering themselves on the altar of their country especially for State Representative, any one of which would be a credit to old Van Buren. My heart and hopes are however, fixed on that brilliant scholar, broad minded and successful business man. One whose mind, hand and influence is always on the right side of moral and economic questions, Hon. E. H. Harvey.

My work in Iron Mountain is progressing somewhat slowly, as it is a small task to revise and put into operation a system where the expenditures have averaged \$35,000 per year with a population of less than 20,000. We have over 20 distinct nationalities and peoples represented here, with possibly 10 per cent American born. It is hard for anyone in Paw Paw to realize the problem that I have to face. I do not wish it understood that these people are not capable of making as good

citizens in time as our fore-fathers were but here we see the citizen in the making. The Slav, Idumen, Hun, Bulgarian, and from several provinces of Greece and Italy, the large portion are Scandinavians, with a goodly sprinkling of Cornish.

From the house I can see six mining shafts, and within my jurisdiction there are 16 shafts working with as many more idle. There are 7 large lumber mills most of which operate railroad logging camps. They are at the present time making the first run on the Menominee river, which separates this county from Wisconsin and is about two miles south of town. Just south of town there is at the present time a jam of logs that is forty feet high blocking the river, and has defied all efforts to dislodge it for four days. There are also at least 100 carloads of logs that pass through or come to the mill at Iron Mt. so there is still some timber here.

We have a fine poor farm just below Vulcan at the junction of the Sturgeon and Menominee rivers consisting of 115 acres. We have 22 inmates and are now building a tubercular hospital. I have entire charge of the farm and expenditures for the county, and no superintendent or supervisor issues an order, so you see with the range I have to cover, I have to go some. We also have a public wood yard that I have instituted since coming here, where we have sawed over 300 cord of wood, so that I do not have much time to be homesick, although I would like to drop in and see good old Paw Paw again.

MAIL ORDER HOUSE GAVE FARMER WORST OF BARGAIN

Speaking of trading at home, here is a case where the local merchant put one over a well-known Chicago mail order house and at the same time demonstrated to a patron of that institution that things are not always as they appear in print.

A customer went into a hardware store in one of our neighboring villages and inquired the price of a certain hand saw. "Sixty-five cents," said the merchant. "Sixty-five cents!" echoed the customer, "why, I can buy that identical saw of Montgomery Ward for 50 cents."

"Well," replied the merchant, "I will sell you anything for the same that they will."

"All right, then I'll take the saw at 50 cents," and the customer threw a sil-

ver half dollar on the counter.

"That's all right as far as it goes," said the merchant, "now pay for the money order."

This amount was counted out as was also a couple of cents for a stamp and a like amount for stationery.

"But that is not all," the merchant went on, "don't forget the 25 cents express."

After this had been paid the customer reached for the saw, but the merchant hung it back on the hook with the remark: "You know you always have to wait a couple of weeks before you get anything from Montgomery Ward. Come in at the end of that time and get your saw."

PAW PAW MAN FALLS FROM WAGON AND DIES INSTANTLY

Ira E. Ball, one of Paw Paw's estimable young men met an untimely death last Friday. He has been in the employ of H. D. North for the past two years, and was driving home from Paw Paw when the end came. When in front of C. W. Young's farm, he was seen to totter and fall from the wagon. Edgar Rouse, who saw him fall, rushed to his side and carried the stricken man to the house, but life had left the body.

He had been subject to attacks of heart trouble, but was apparently in usual health. A short distance from where the fatality occurred, an automobile passed him, frightening the team, which he had some trouble in subduing.

It is possible that the shock, together with the exertion in handling the horses might have brought on the attack which caused his death, although no blame can possibly be attached to the driver of the machine, as the wind was blowing a gale and an alarm could not be heard if one had been sounded.

In speaking of the sad affair, Mr. North paid a very high tribute to the memory of the deceased. He stated that Mr. Ball had been in his employ nearly two years, and that he had a very high regard for both he and his wife. They were considered as members of his family, he said.

DROWNED WHILE CANOEING.

A fatality occurred on Grand River at Lansing last week when two young ladies, the Misses Josephine and Cecil Richardson of Traverse City were drowned. The girls, and a young man who was their companion, were canoeing on the river when they dashed against the pier owing to the strong current, and the craft upset.

The younger girl was caught in the undercurrent and disappeared immediately and did not come to the surface, while the other two struggled in the water. The young man attempted to swim to shore with Miss Josephine, but became exhausted on account of heavy clothing and icy water and was himself sinking for the third time when he was rescued more dead than alive.

The young ladies who met their death in Grand River were cousins of Mrs. Fay Weston of this place.

ANOTHER GALA DAY.

There will be another gala day on the streets of Paw Paw, Saturday, May 11. The Paw Paw High School band will give a free concert. There will be other free attractions. See this paper and hand bills next week for further particulars. Let every one plan to come to Paw Paw on this date.

HAVE COME TO STAY.

We are very glad to welcome Rev. M. L. Marshall and wife back to our village and feel that they are really and truly residents of Paw Paw.

Mr. Marshall has been a weekly visitor here for some time, coming from Chicago to fill his pulpit each Sunday in the Presbyterian church, as he has been a student in a theological college in Chicago and graduated last week. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall arrived Saturday and will be at home to their friends hereafter at the manse, as they went to housekeeping directly upon their arrival here.

L. D. WHEELER AUCTION.

Bills printed at The True Northerner office advertise an auction sale for Mrs. L. D. Wheeler, two miles west and ¼ mile north of Mattawan on Monday, May 6. B. J. Rix is auctioneer. A quarter page adv. in this issue will give the details of the many bargains that will be offered.

TO THE LITTLE GIRL.

If the little girl who recently lost her purse containing money in the court house will call at The True Northerner office and describe the lost property, she can recover the same.

WADE KILLEFER WAS STAR OF BIG GAME

Popular Paw Paw player again shows old time Speed. Got big headlines Sunday

Wade Killefer, star infielder of the Minneapolis base ball team, was the subject for big headlines in the sporting section of last Sunday's Detroit papers. The head line ran "Killefer's grandstand catch is feature of game."

In explanation the story ran thus:

"In the first inning Kaiser hit a pop fly which Gill dropped, but the ball was recovered by Killefer before it touched the ground, completing the out."

Wade is playing with his old-time glimmer this season, having recovered from the injury which troubled him last season. He is hitting like a flood and covering all the territory within reach.

CLUB ENJOYS FINE PROGRAM

C. K. Cadman, Speaks on Panama Canal. New Officers Elected.

The meeting of the Fellowship club at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Y. Ferguson last Wednesday evening was one of the best of the year. The music was furnished by the high school orchestra assisted by Miss Van Buskirk; instrumental solos by Miss Van Buskirk, Miss Frieda Snow, Supt. McCormick; and vocal duet by Dr. Hoyt and LaRue Mosier. Every number was greatly enjoyed and enthusiastically received.

C. K. Cadman, one of the new comers that Paw Paw is glad to welcome as a resident, gave an address on the Panama canal. Mr. Cadman is a civil engineer, and was one of the superintendents of this great work for a period of two years. He is well qualified to give a comprehensive outline of this gigantic piece of engineering, and The True Northerner regrets that it cannot give the complete text of the address. It was both instructive and entertaining.

The officers of this club elected for the ensuing year are: M. L. Marshall, president; V. R. Hungerford, vice president; Dr. W. C. Y. Ferguson, secretary; W. G. Ackley, treasurer.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Free, Wednesday evening, May 15. It is also planned to have a Ladies' night and M. J. Coy, Dr. W. C. Y. Ferguson and W. V. Hall were appointed committee on arrangements.

VETERANS ENJOY ANOTHER MEET

Last Social Gathering of Year at Post Room Last Saturday.

The last social gathering of the Building association of the G. A. R. for this season occurred last Saturday evening at their hall. Supper was served at 6:30 to the usual number and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all. A short program was given later in the evening and was one of the pleasant features.

Miss Genevieve Conklin gave a reading which was so much enjoyed that after continuous applause she responded with a catchy little dialect story that was very pleasing. Mrs. B. O'Dell read a paper giving a very vivid description of a pleasant trip in the Sierra Madre mountains. This paper was very interesting and held the attention of her hearers closely to the end. Captain O. W. Rowland was called upon and touched upon the topics of the day, including the late marine disaster, the pension bill now before congress, woman suffrage and other current events that people are reading about and like to hear discussed.

Rev. Luther followed Mr. Rowland in a speech filled with enthusiasm for everything connected with the military and paid the highest tribute to the ones who gave of their young manhood to save their country and the few who are left to us to attend such gatherings as we had that evening.

Music was furnished throughout the program by Mrs. Leonard Crandall, one of the corps members, and added immeasurably to the pleasure of the occasion. The silver collection amounted to about \$5, which will be added to the building fund.

BUSINESS MEN ARE SATISFIED

Big Day last Saturday Exceeded Expectations. Others Planned.

ANOTHER ONE FOR NEXT WEEK

Band Engaged for Summer. Two Concerts Each Week. First Program Rendered To-night.

Although the weather man was not as smiling as he might have been last Saturday, the "Big Day" passed off very pleasantly and satisfactorily to all concerned. The streets were thronged, especially in the afternoon. The music furnished by Paw Paw's splendid band was enjoyed, everybody was in a happy mood and the visitors took advantage of the special bargains offered by the enterprising merchants. Eggs continued to pour in all day as everybody wanted to take advantage of the extra offering on this kind of "fruit." The hens certainly did their part to make the day a success.

The next big attraction will be Saturday, May 11. Full particulars will be given later. For the present it is planned to have special attractions every two weeks, while it is probable that a little later there will be something special doing every Saturday.

At the meeting of the Business Men's association last Monday evening it was voted to engage the high school band for two concerts a week during the summer. One concert will probably be held on Saturday and the other some evening during the week. The first of the series will be this Friday evening and the following program will be rendered: March—American Favorite, Prendeville Overture Mignonne, Baumann Serenade—Cupid's Charming, Miller March—Little Giant, Moon Dream of the Fairies Waltz, Johnson Silver Threads Among the Gold, Danks Barn Dance from Madam Sherry, Beschina

CUPID ALWAYS KNOWS THE WAY

Popular Photographer gets Knot Tied Under Difficulties.

Paw Paw's popular photographer, John J. Duin, made a trip to Grand Rapids last Saturday returning Monday afternoon. Miss Adeline Neilson of Grand Rapids returned with him and now it is Mr. and Mrs. Duin, if you please. Owing to the fact that some of their Grand Rapids friends were advised as to the nature of the trip, their original plans for the happy event had to be abandoned. The knot was finally tied however, and bliss reigns supreme.

They had planned to have the ceremony performed in Kalamazoo enroute to Paw Paw. The wedding clothes were all carefully packed in a commodious trunk, and ready for the journey when lo and behold! the trunk disappeared. They thought it might be awaiting them in Kalamazoo, but it was not there. They accordingly came on to Paw Paw, determined that the absence of the groom's white vest and the bride's wedding trousseau should not prevent the culmination of the happy event. With the assistance of the county clerk, registrar of deeds, Miss Lofquist, the chiropractor and Rev. M. L. Marshall, pastor of the Presbyterian church, the knot was securely tied in the clerk's office.

In the meantime the trunk had arrived and had been delivered at the studio. It was decorated with the conventional old shoes, and other appropriate emblems of the occasion.

Mr. Duin has been a resident of Paw Paw but a short time but already has made many friends here. Mrs. Duin is welcome to our city, and The True Northerner joins in congratulations.

FUNNY SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

Any one who has ever had the pleasure of living under the same roof with little children remember some of their funny little sayings and treasure up their quaint expressions. The True Northerner solicits stories of this kind, and let us enjoy together the things the babies have said. It would be interesting to know what suggests the ideas and what they think of the big folk's ways anyhow. We invite the teachers to contribute to this column, as they certainly are very near to the children. Send in the stories to The Little Folks' Story Editor.